septic ward was opened there, this was utilised for that purpose. At present the eye hospital has outgrown and at the same time the finances that could be utilised for this hospital could not grow apace.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Was not the General Hospital started first as a small hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes. This will also improve in course of time. This was started as a smaller thing still.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Are we to understand that only if there is a deficit, Government will attend to this work, since when we have a surplus now, Government say that they have no funds?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* Government wishes to do it. It is before the Government for the last two years. It is only a question of time.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: മെഡിക്കൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിലേക്ക് അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പണത്തിൽ ൨ ക ഇതിനു മുമ്പു തന്നെ കുറവുചെയ്തുപോയി. ഇനി മൂന്നാമതു് ഒരു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥയും കൂടി കുറക്കുവാൻ പ്രത്യേക കാരണമുണ്ടു്. ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതും കണ്ണിന്റെ കാര്യമാണു്. ചീഫ് മെഡിക്കൽ ഓഫീസർക്കു് കണ്ണാസ്പത്രിയുടെ നേരെ ഒരു വെറുപ്പോ നീരസമോ ഉള്ളതുപോലെ തോന്നുന്നു. കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലം ഗവൺമെൻറിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്ന ഈ കാര്യത്തിലു് ഇനിയും യാതൊരു അനുകൂല്യവും കാണുന്നില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം പ്രസ്സു് ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഞാൻ നിർബ്ബന്ധിതനായിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ ൧൦ ലക്ഷം ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥർ മിച്ചമുള്ളതിൽ നിന്നു് ഈ കണ്ണാസ്പത്രിയുടെ ആവശ്യത്തിനു കുറച്ചു സംഖ്യ വിനിയോഗിയ്ക്കുവാനും കൂടി സന്മനസ്സില്ലെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറു് പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെട്ടതിനാൽ ഞാൻ എന്റെ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം വോട്ടിനിടണമെന്നു് അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

The motion was put and carried.

Chairman: There are four motions about the Mental Hospital. I think they may be discussed together. Nos. 16, 17, 18 & 20. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty will move his cut motion No. 16.

Cut Motion No. 12.

To increase the number of ward attendants in the Mental Hospital.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Sir, I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,454 for Mental Hospital by Re. 1. The object of this cut is to discuss the necessity of increasing the number of ward attendants.* The next motion standing in my name is for discussing the necessity of adequate water supply in the Mental Hospital.

Mr. President Sir, through these cut motions I wish to draw the attention of the House to the grievances suffered by a section of

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the people who by themselves do not understand what they do or what they suffer from. The beneficiaries of this cut motion, if any benefit is going to accrue to them, are not going to appreciate the work done by the Hon'ble Mover of this cut motion. So no motives can be attributed to the present cut motion. I am one of those unhappy beings nominated by the Government to make occasional periodical visits to the lunatic asylum, misnamed the Mental Hospital at Trichur. My friends, the Hon'ble Member for Revenue, the Hon'ble Member for Police, the present Hon'ble Member for Excise and the present District Magistrate know full well that all the facts that I am going to state before this House are true and the Government should redress them at the earliest opportunity. It is a question of mind, Sir, more affecting the person than the question of the eye. Now, Sir, whoever had occasion to visit the Mental Hospital with their senses intact will be moved by the sufferings in the mental hospital. There are several lunatics in the hospital and to take care of all of them there are only few ward attendants or hospital servants. The ratio of the lunatics to the servants is 7 to 1 in British India. In the female block there are generally 45 to 50 patients by daily attendance. For them in that ward there are only four hospital servants. Of the four one is doing the work of a thotti. Of the remaining three only one is available for night duty. The difficulty is that the night duty servant—of course, female servant—has to go one furlong north to seek the aid of a doctor for any urgent purpose that may arise in the female block. To go a distance of one furlong in the night without any light—there is no light arrangements there—alone for a female attendant is really inconvenient. I beg to draw the attention of the House to this fact. At least there should be some four more servants for the female block. That will constitute the ratio of 7 to 1.

In the male side also the same want of attendants or servants is keenly felt. There are about 75 patients on an average and only nine servants are available for attending upon these patients. Of the nine servants five are deputed for doing the work of thotties and only the remaining four are available to attend upon the patients. Now I wish to draw the attention of the House that these lunatics are hopelessly neglected. Though they sometimes fight against each other they do it not to establish any right. Even that has to be prevented by these servants. Therefore to my humble mind Government must increase the number of attendants in the Mental Hospital. I hope the hon'ble members mentioned by me before will also raise both their hands in support of my motion if they are allowed to exercise their free will to vote for the cut motion. With these remarks, I commend the motion for the acceptance of the House.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, my cut motion No. 18 is different from Motion No. 20, though they relate to the Mental Hospital.

Chairman : You can speak about the subject matter of both the motions now. If there is any necessity for putting the motions to vote, then we can do it separately.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I move to reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,94,902 for Medical by Re. 1. (To draw the attention of the Government the usefulness of permitting Brahmasri Ramananda Swamigal of Koorkancheri to try the Indian system of treating lunatics in any one of the wards in the Government Mental Hospital, Trichur). Cut Motion No. 20 is to draw the attention of the Government to the necessity of engaging in agricultural pursuits the lunatics who are in the Government Mental Hospital, Trichur

മിസ്റ്റർ പ്രസിഡണ്ടു സർ, ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിലെ മാനസിക രോഗാസ്പത്രിയിൽ ഒരു നാട്ടുവൈദ്യ സെക്ഷൻ കൂടിയുണ്ടാക്കിത്തരണമെന്നുള്ളതാണു് ഞാൻ തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിലെ ചിത്ത രോഗാസ്പത്രിയിൽ പോയി അന്വേഷിച്ചതിൽ അവിടത്തെ രോഗികൾക്കു പ്രധാനമായി കൊടുക്കുന്ന മരുന്നു "Mag Sulph" ആണെന്നുകാണുവാനിടയായി. അതു് ഒരു കൊല്ലത്തിൽ പത്തോ, പതിനഞ്ചോ വീപ്പകൾ അവിടെ ചിലവാകുന്നുണ്ടു". ഒരുനാലഞ്ചു വീപ്പ പുറത്തിരിക്കുന്നതു ഞാൻ കണ്ടു. അവക്കു് ആഹാരവും മരുന്നും വേണ്ടപോലെ കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. മറ്റു Details ഒന്നും എനിക്കു നിശ്ചയമില്ല. ചിത്തരോഗമുള്ള ആളുകൾക്കു താരീരികമായ രോഗത്തിനു ചികിത്സിക്കുവാനുള്ള ഡോക്ടർമാർക്കു കൂടുതൽ സൌകര്യങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കി കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും ഔട്ടുപേഷ്യൻസിനെ ചികിത്സിക്കുവാനാണു് ഡാക്ടർമാർ കൂടുതൽ ശ്രദ്ധിച്ചുകാണുന്നതു്. അല്ലാതെ അവിടെ ചിത്ത രോഗത്തിനുള്ള യാതൊരു ചികിത്സയും ശരിയായി നടത്തുന്നില്ല. തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിൽ ക്ലാഞ്ചേരി എന്ന സ്ഥലത്തു രാമാനന്ദസ്വാമിയെന്ന പേരുള്ള ഒരു നാട്ടുവൈദ്യൻ ചിത്തരോഗ ചികിത്സ വളരെ സഫലമായി നടത്തുന്നുണ്ടു". ഇവിടെ നമ്മുടെ ചിത്തരോഗാസ്പത്രിയിൽ പോയി രോഗികളെ കണ്ടു ചികിത്സ നടത്തുവാനുള്ള സൌകര്യമൊന്നും അവിടെയില്ല. ചില ചിത്തരോഗികളെ കുറച്ചുകാലം കഴിയുമ്പോൾ സുഖക്കേടു ഭേദമായിയെന്നു വെച്ചു പുറത്തേക്കു വിടുന്നുണ്ടു". കുറച്ചു നാൾ കഴിയുമ്പോൾ വീണ്ടും സുഖക്കേടു് ആരംഭിക്കുകയും, പോലീസുകാർ രണ്ടാമതും അവരെ അറസ്റ്റു ചെയ്തു് അവിടെ കൊണ്ടുവരികയും ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടു്. ക്രമമായ ഒരു ചികിത്സ സമ്പ്രദായം ചിത്തരോഗത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഇംഗ്ലീഷു് വൈദ്യശാസ്ത്രത്തിൽ തീരെ ഇല്ലാതെയാണിരിക്കുന്നതു് എന്നു് എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നു. എങ്കിലും ഇപ്പോൾ നടത്തുന്ന ചികിത്സ ഇല്ലാതാക്കണമെന്നല്ല ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്, നാട്ടുവൈദ്യ ചികിത്സാ സമ്പ്രദായം ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ഒന്നു പരീക്ഷിച്ചുനോക്കിയാൽ കൊള്ളാം എന്നുള്ളതാണു". രാമാനന്ദസ്വാമികൾ ചിത്തരോഗ ചികിത്സ നടത്തി അനേക രോഗികൾക്കു സുഖക്കേടു ഭേദപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു".

ഇതിനു പക്ഷേ പണം വേണമെന്നു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു പറയുമായിരിക്കാം. വലിയ പണച്ചിലവൊന്നും ഈ വിഷയത്തിലുണ്ടാവുകയില്ല. ഇപ്പോൾ നിലവിലുള്ള ആസ്പത്രിയിൽ നാട്ടുചികിത്സയും കൂടെ നടത്തുവാനുള്ള സൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടാക്കണമെന്നാണു് എന്റെ ഒന്നാമത്തെ അപേക്ഷ.

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മറൊരു അപേക്ഷയുള്ളതു് ചിത്തരോഗ ബാധിതരായ ആളുകൾക്കു വ്യായാമ സൌകര്യവും കൂടി കൊടുക്കുവാൻ കഴിയുന്ന, കൃഷി മുതലായ പ്രവൃത്തികൾ നടത്തുന്നതിനുള്ള സൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടാക്കി കൊടുക്കുക. അതിനുള്ള സ്ഥലസൌകര്യം അവിടെയില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു കഴിഞ്ഞയാണ്ടിൽ ഈ ചിത്തരോഗാസ്പത്രിയെ അവിടെ നിന്നു മാറ്റണമെന്നു ഞാൻ ഈ സഭയിൽ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണു്. ഇപ്പോഴും ആ അഭിപ്രായക്കാരനാണു് ഞാൻ. മറ്റു പല രാജ്യങ്ങളിലും ചിത്തരോഗാസ്പത്രി സ്ഥാപിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു് മിക്കവാറും കൃഷി ചെയ്യുവാനും കൂടി സൌകര്യമുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലാണു്. തല്ക്കാലം ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു് ഇതുമാറ്റുവാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ലെങ്കിൽ പത്തിരുപതേക്കർസ്ഥലം സമീപത്തു് അക്വയർ ചെയ്തു് അവിടെ ഭ്രാന്തന്മാരെ കൊണ്ടു കൃഷി ചെയ്യിച്ചു് അവരുടെ ശരീരത്തിനു വ്യായാമവും ബുദ്ധിക്കു വികാസവുമുണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ വേണ്ടതു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്. വല്ല പ്രവൃത്തികളും അവരെക്കൊണ്ടു് എടുപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നാൽ ആ രോഗത്തിനു് അല്പമെങ്കിലും ഗുണം സിദ്ധിക്കും. ഈ രണ്ടു് ഉദ്ദേശങ്ങളാണു ഞാൻ ഈ സഭ മുമ്പാകെയും, ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ മുമ്പാകെയും ബോധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതു്. ഇതിൽ കൂടുതലായി എനിക്കൊന്നും പറയുവാനില്ല. ഇത്രയും പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടു ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, the average number of patients in the mental hospital is about 120 to 140 daily and the number of servants attending on them is, at present 24.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Please give us more details of their work.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* They are deputed to do all kinds of work. I do admit that it will be very desirable if there could be two servants for each patient. It is no doubt desirable to appoint more servants. At the same time we have to see the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government on this particular hospital. From Rs. 1,000 in the beginning we have come to Rs. 24,000 this year and if we are having any more servants, it is going to add more on the expenditure side. I admit it is highly desirable to have more paid servants attached to the hospital. But the question is whether the State can maintain such a hospital.

As regards the other matter raised by my hon'ble friend for Kunnamkulam about the handing over of a few beds to Ramananda Swamigal of Koorkancheri, Government cannot take the responsibility of handing over these patients to one whose qualifications for the work Government have no information.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* On a point of information, may I know whether there is a plentiful supply of water for all the inmates of the Mental hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* No, there is not. But the pipe system has been extended there and the trouble has been mitigated to a certain extent.

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Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Sir, the peculiar nature of the Hon'ble Member for Medicine has been that he counts things from zero to infinity. With regard to the Ophthalmic Hospital he began by saying: "We began from nothing. Now it is so and so and therefore we do not want to do anything now". Such arguments Sir, are not useful for the purpose in point. In this case I am reminded of a servant saying: "My boss and myself get Rs. 1,010 as pay". What is his pay? Ten rupees. So also the Hon'ble Member for Medicine was saying there are 24 servants in the Mental Hospital. May I ask him, how many are available for real attendance on the patients?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* 24.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* As I observed already, in the female ward there are 4 servants of which one is deputed as a thotti. She has to clean as many as 30 rooms in the female block. We know what the sort of cleansing needed in a Mental Hospital is. In a Mental Hospital, nobody has any sense as to what to do and where to do. And one servant alone is deputed for cleansing all the 30 compartments day and night. Of the remaining 3, two alone are available for duty in the day time. They have to draw water from a very deep well. Perhaps there may not be water in the well. They have to draw water from a deep well for the use of 50 patients. And the quantity of water required for lunatics is naturally far more than the quantity of water required for ordinary normal human beings. They have to serve meals and do everything for these 50 patients. Then only one female attendant is available for night duty. As I said before the residence of the medical officer is situated at a distance of about one furlong from the female block and for any urgent need, she has to walk all this distance. In the mean time there will be nobody to attend on the female patients for any urgent need. Is there then a sufficient number of attendants to look after these female patients?

In the male block, as I pointed out, there are 75 patients on an average. For that there are 11 hospital servants. One has to be always near the gate. He is a watch-man. Another will be generally in the compounding room. Out of the 9 remaining, 5 are deputed to do the work of thotties. Out of the remaining 4, 2 have to carry the dirty matter from the cess-pits, to a great distance far away from the town. The remaining alone are available for actual attendance upon the patients in fact. That is why I used the similie of Rs. 1,000 plus 10. So, only very few servants are available for actual attendance on the patients. I submit that this is a very bad state of affairs and we, who are deputed for the work of occasional visits, our minds are done up. As I said my hon'ble friends will bear witness if I say the Chief Medical Officer has neglected the needs of

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the Mental Hospital (*hear, hear*). When I questioned the Medical Officer in the Mental Hospital as to whether the Chief Medical Officer makes visits to this Hospital when he goes to Trichur, he was hesitating to answer, so that my inference is clear.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* It is wrong.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* The Diwan was also requested to make a visit to this hospital, but unfortunately, he also declined to look at the unhappy beings confined in that place. I may also request the Government in this connection either to put a stop to our visiting this institution or to do the needful in the matter so that at least our minds may be let at ease.

When one sees such a pitiable state of affairs, one's mind is not quite at ease. That is why I make a request on behalf of these unhappy beings confined in the Lunatic Hospital.

As regards the treatment in the Mental Hospital, the system has been picturesquely described by the hon'ble member for Kunnamkulam, i. e., Mag-sulph treatment. In the female block there is no water available. During the hot whether, for about 4 months, much difficulty for water is felt there. On a recommendation from the non-official visitors the female block was temporarily shifted to the male-block buildings and arrangements were made there to accommodate the female-block separately. It is really a terrible sight, that we see there. That is a very pitiable state of affairs. This totalling up of everything and saying that in all there are so many servants, is no answer for my clear statement of facts, before the House. I therefore request the hon'ble members to kindly help me in this matter. With these words, I press the motion for the acceptance of the House.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, I learn from the hon'ble member for Public Works that provision has been made in the budget for light and water there. As regards the statement of inference by the hon'ble member that I do not visit the institution I say it is contrary to facts. I am positive that I have been visiting that asylum at least half a dozen times every year.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* I drew only an inference.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* At least there was an inference. I say that inference is very wrong. I used to go there even before I became the Chief Medical Officer. It is not a question of having a man or two there. All the various improvements suggested requires money. This question has been brought to the notice of the Diwan when he visited the place once or twice. Already a lot of money has been spent on the institution.

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Chairman : Which is the motion the hon'ble member now wishes to put to the vote of the house? There are two motions in your name on the same subject.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Both.

Chairman : Then we may put them one by one.

With regard to warter-supply, it has already been stated that arrangements have been made for that.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Then I do not wish to press that motion. I only press the motion regarding the increasing of the ward attendants.

The motion was put and carried.

Chairman : Does the hon'ble member Mr. Iyyu want to move motion no. 18?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Yes, I wish to move and to speak on that. *It is to draw the attention of the Government the usefulness of permitting Brahmasri Ramananda Swamigal of Kurkancherri to try the Indian system of treating lunatics in any one of the wards in the Government Mental Hospital, Trichur.*

Chairman : But you have already covered your points when you spoke on the previous motion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, if the hon'ble member for Medicine assures me that he would make enquiries as to whether any successful results are obtained by the treatment of Ramananda Swamigal of Koorkancheri and if that is useful, the Government will consider to introduce that system, then I do not wish to move that motion.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* We will make enquiries.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* On that assurance, I do not wish to move the motion now.

Cut Motion No. 13.

To engage Lunatics in Agricultural pursuits.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,94,902 for Medical by Rs. 3.* My object is *to draw the attention of the Government to the necessity of engaging in agricultural pursuits the lunatics who are in the Government Mental Hospital, Trichur.* As regards this also, I think the Chief Medical Officer will advance his old argument—the question of funds. I wish to bring to the notice of the Government that this is a very desirable matter. If the Government promise that it will be included in the next year's budget or in the budget of 1116, I do not wish to press this motion.

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